



Meeting Minutes

Payson PCE and Tonto & Cherry Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site Community Advisory Board Meeting

December 6, 2005
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tonto Apache Administration Building
Payson, Arizona

FINAL MINUTES

Ref: PIOU #06-067

CAB Members Present: Dr. Nel Gusimat, D.C., Jean Riddell, John Shoemaker, Sean Meares,

CAB Members Absent: Damian Wiseman, Robin Morris

ADEQ Staff in Attendance: Wendy Flood, Community Involvement Coordinator, Chris Gamache, Project Manager

Members of the Public Present: John Wilson, Bruce VanCamp,

The following matters were discussed, considered, and decided at the meeting:

1. Welcome and Introductions-

Mrs. Wendy Flood called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. Introductions were conducted of attendees as listed in these minutes.

2. Acceptance or Changes to September 13, 2005 meeting minutes –

Dr. Nel moved and Ms. Riddell seconded; the minutes were approved as written

3. Discussion and Voting on CAB Co-Chair

Mrs. Flood stated that John Shoemaker had accepted the nomination for CAB Co-Chair. Mr. Meares moved and Dr. Nel seconded; the motion was passed. The meeting was turned over to the new co-chair.

4. Sampling Results and Site Update -

Mr. Chris Gamache stated the presentation would cover the last sampling event from September 2005, June 2005 report, water levels, well rehabilitation activities and future work.

Sampling took place the first week in September 2005. Due to the change in reporting formats there are no September 2005 results to present. There were no drastic changes or unexpected detections found. The report should be available at the next meeting and will

be put in the repository as promised. The June 2005 report was put in the repository this afternoon.

The requested water levels show a general increase. A hydrograph was shown to all present.

The well rehabilitation activities took place in October. Rehabilitation of the wells was necessary due to a general loss in water production from the wells. Sonic blasting was used to loosen the rust and other sediment attached to the wells. The small scale dynamite was ignited and created shock waves inside the well. A picture was shown of the debris removed from the well by this process. Air was injected afterward to get the remaining particles. The mineral deposits are caused by a naturally occurring bacteria. Mr. Gamache presented a table that showed the well production before and after the well rehabilitation. The Town of Payson and ADEQ are pleased with the increased water production.

Mr. Gamache explained that there is another small sampling event currently in progress for Payson PCE. This smaller event is to monitor for MTBE. Six wells were originally used and Mr. Gamache asked for two more to be included in this event. MTBE has not been detected in the WQARF Site for a while, but the smaller sampling event continues.

The Tonto and Cherry site is moving forward. The Remedial Investigation (RI) draft was put out for comment in 2002. After the comment period, the report was never finalized. Mr. Gamache readdressed the report and will make a few changes. The report will be sent back out for public comment. Along with RI the remedial objective report, which is the explanation of the goals of the clean up, will be ready for public comment. Notice will be mailed and a posting in the news paper will go out stating the availability of the reports for public comment.

After public comment the feasibility study will begin. The study requires ADEQ to put together a work plan that shows what is going to be done in the feasibility study report. The feasibility work plan will go in to the library and notice will go out for public comment.

A question was raised about the water sampling for this site. Mr. Gamache stated that water sampling/monitoring is conducted for this site at the major events, like in September.

Mr. Van Camp asked about the MTBE/gasoline monitoring. Mr. Gamache stated that MTBE is an additive in gasoline and dissolved into water faster than gasoline. It has been detected at the site previously, but has not been detected for a while.

Mr. Mears asked for clarification on the water levels charts. Mr. Gamache stated that the graphs are part of the Payson PCE Site. The depth to water is measured from below the top of the well, then the top of the well is surveyed for elevation above mean sea level. The elevation of the water is then calculated. This is done for all the wells within the Payson and Tonto and Cherry Sites. Mr. Gamache chose the ones in the presentation because they show a general representation of water levels across the Site. Water levels are collected to determine groundwater flow direction.

A public member asked for the clarification on the wells that feed into the treatment system. Mr. Gamache stated the ones on the chart previously displayed feed in to the system. There are approximately 60 wells that have been sampled, however, related to the site.

Ms. Riddell inquired about the PCE concentration results in other production wells from the Rodeo Grounds. Mr. Gamache stated that the results were handed out at the last meeting. Those wells are now sampled on a quarterly basis, therefore there are no new analytical results for those wells. He will have a print out of any new results at the next meeting.

Mr. Gamache stated that the Kachina Trailer Park had been monitored on a monthly basis. As of October 2005, Mr. Spittler connected the trailer park to the town water system. Bottled water distribution has been stopped and the well is no longer sampled on a monthly basis. The well will be monitored as part of the quarterly monitoring.

5. Community Involvement Plan discussion and update –

Mrs. Flood stated that there is a copy of the community involvement plan at the library for those that need a copy. This plan is used for community dissemination efforts like those talked about in Mr. Gamache's report. This plan needs updating since the last one was done in 2002. CAB input is requested for any updates to the plan contents like contact and community information.

It was commented that there is another radio station, another newspaper contact and a town TV station. Mrs. Flood asked the CAB members to review the plan and get in contact with her with any change in content or contact information. It was recommended to call the Chamber of Commerce

the Mrs. Flood stated the demographic information contents were from the last census. If the CAB agrees it will not be included in the updated plan. Information on ethnicity is the main demographic that should be addressed. The hope is not to duplicate the information previously reported.

Mrs. Flood informed the CAB that a fact sheet will be mailed out to those residents within the community involvement area with an insert containing questions. The public will have the opportunity to take part in a community interview process so to get a more representative sample of community concerns in regards to the WQARF site.

6. Call to the Public

Mrs. Flood read a letter that she received from Jean Riddle stating her resignation. All CAB members and ADEQ thanked Ms. Riddell for her years of service. Mrs. Flood asked the CAB members talk to others about joining the CAB. Applications were available at the meeting. Mr. Gamache also encouraged more CAB members since there will be public comment periods coming up. The CAB was reminded that the charter states the minimum membership is 9.

7. Future Meeting Date/Agenda Topics

The next meeting was scheduled for March 14th, 2005 at 6:00. The library was requested as the next meeting place if possible. Agenda topics for next time include a site sampling report for both September and December.

8. Adjourn

Mr. Meares moved to adjourn and Dr. Nel seconded; meeting adjourned.